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From: Taugher, Helen (DPH)
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 10:50 AM
To: Hanchett, James (DPH)
Subject: RE: hepatitis B immune status

Dear Jim,
No you should not need more vaccinations. Would it be OK for me to forward this to the immunization nursing supervisor, she may be able to work with them on the necessary records and she is located at the State Lab
Helen

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From: Hanchett, James (DPH)
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 10:48 AM
To: Taugher, Helen (DPH)
Subject: FW: hepatitis B immune status

Hi Helen,
I received this email today and I don't know what to make of it. I had 3 Hep B shots in 1995 and 2 Hep A shots in 2005. Do I need more shots?
Thanks,

Jim

From: Nawn, Kathleen (DPH)
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 3:03 PM
To: Hanchett, James (DPH)
Cc: Han, Linda (DPH)
Subject: hepatitis B immune status

On behalf of Dr. Linda Han,

We are in the process of reviewing our hepatitis B virus (HBV) vaccination records in order to follow up with laboratory staff
1. who are at risk for HBV exposure (those with direct contact with human blood, blood products (e.g., serum), body fluids, infected tissues or secretions, or materials possibly contaminated by blood or blood products) and
2. who have no documentation of a positive post-vaccination HBV surface antibody titer test.

A post-vaccination HBV antibody titer is important because it is the only way to confirm an adequate immune response to the HBV vaccine, and is valuable for determining treatment in the event of a HBV exposure. If post-vaccination antibody is present, the individual is considered to be immune to HBV. If antibody is absent, a fourth vaccination will be offered (and possibly a fifth and sixth vaccination dose if the individual remains antibody-negative after the 4th dose). If the antibodies remain absent after 2 complete vaccination series, the individual is considered to be susceptible to HBV infection and would need to be considered for additional treatment in the event of exposure to potentially infectious material.

Your DPH HBV vaccination records are **incomplete** as indicated below:

x	no record of post-vaccination HBV surface antibody titer
x	no record of HBV vaccination in the past
x	no HBV vaccination consent/decline form

The following is requested:

1. Please complete the attached form (indicating whether you consent to vaccination or decline vaccination) and return to
Kathleen Nawn, Room 454, MDPH State Laboratory Institute, 305 South St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Kathleen.nawn@state.ma.us or (617) 983-6345.
2. If you have:
never been vaccinated for HBV or
have been vaccinated (or think you were vaccinated) for HBV in the past, but have not had testing for HBV surface antibody, Dr.Han can make arrangements for you to have these services done at the MDPH office in
Amherst. Linda.han@state.ma.us or (617) 983-4362

If you have had HBV surface antibody testing in the past, please submit test documentation (such as lab test report or immunization record with testing results) to Kathleen Nawn, Room 454, MDPH State Laboratory Institute, 305 South St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Kathleen.nawn@state.ma.us or (617) 983-6345.

Thanks,
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